

Alberta Population Report

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Fourth Quarter, 2003

POPULATION ESTIMATES

Alberta's population growth for the year 2003 continues to be the highest among the provinces. As of January 1, 2004, Alberta's population is estimated to be 3,172,121. This is an increase of about 40,000 persons (or 1.27% growth) for the year ending December 31, 2003. Ontario and British Columbia had the next largest growth rates among the provinces at 1.13% and 0.99% respectively.

The following table provides the January 1 population estimates and growth rates for Canada and Alberta since 1997.

TABLE 1: NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL POPULATION & GROWTH RATES, JANUARY 1

January 1	Canada		Alberta	
	Population	Growth Rate	Population	Growth Rate
1997	29,752,456		2,799,682	
1998	30,030,113	0.93%	2,859,603	2.14%
1999	30,262,408	0.77%	2,926,555	2.34%
2000	30,528,850	0.88%	2,975,170	1.66%
2001	30,828,130	0.98%	3,028,773	1.80%
2002	31,173,921	1.12%	3,085,571	1.88%
2003	31,475,999	0.97%	3,132,484	1.52%
2004	31,752,842	0.88%	3,172,121	1.27%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for January 1, 2004 for all provinces and territories are shown in Table 2 below. The annual population growth rates for the year 2003 are also included.

MIGRATION

For the fourth quarter of 2003 (October 1 to December 31), Alberta had an estimated net interprovincial migration of 1,800 people. This is about 50% of the total 3,700 net migrants (interprovincial plus international) to Alberta. During the fourth quarter, Alberta had the highest interprovincial net migration in Canada, followed by British Columbia. The origin and destination of interprovincial migrants are shown in Table 3 on the next page.

As shown in Table 3, the primary source of Alberta's interprovincial in-migrants for the fourth quarter was British Columbia, followed by Ontario and Saskatchewan. These three provinces were also the three main destinations of out-migrants from Alberta.

NATURAL INCREASE

During the fourth quarter (October 1 to December 31, 2003), Alberta gained 4,100 people in natural increase (births minus deaths). The province had 8,900 births and 4,800 deaths in this quarter.

More details of the demographic data are available from Alberta Finance, Statistics.

TABLE 2: POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES, JANUARY 1, 2004 & ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF 2003

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	Que.	Ont.	Man.	Sask.	Alta.	B.C.	Yukon	N.W.T.	N.V.T.
Population	519,897	138,102	936,892	750,096	7,509,928	12,293,669	1,165,944	994,845	3,172,121	4,168,123	31,408	42,321	29,496
Growth Rate	0.06%	0.56%	0.18%	0.05%	0.64%	1.13%	0.65%	-0.01%	1.27%	0.99%	2.74%	1.66%	1.51%

Source: Statistics Canada

**TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS,
OCTOBER 1, 2003 TO DECEMBER 31, 2003**

Origin	Destination												
	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	77	344	134	32	884	0	83	598	163	0	54	41
Prince Edward I.	41	0	82	135	13	159	0	10	73	10	0	10	5
Nova Scotia	289	130	0	381	100	1,080	116	30	378	229	6	21	0
New Brunswick	88	102	462	0	464	661	49	39	233	83	0	30	0
Quebec	25	59	118	197	0	3,231	64	42	490	461	0	24	15
Ontario	1,000	212	1,063	610	3,196	0	893	412	2,716	3,505	93	55	18
Manitoba	45	0	37	44	52	665	0	406	1,060	786	4	5	14
Saskatchewan	15	0	82	0	82	342	366	0	2,407	545	19	16	26
Alberta	615	59	412	366	337	1,886	842	1,501	0	1,881	53	200	16
British Columbia	74	58	339	86	366	2,354	484	630	4,682	0	85	41	5
Yukon Territory	0	0	0	0	57	11	0	0	102	70	0	6	10
Northwest Terr.	44	0	0	0	0	9	21	14	230	40	16	0	44
Nunavut Terr.	0	36	10	0	18	58	0	0	0	31	0	48	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT	NVT.
In Migration	2,236	733	2,949	1,953	4,717	11,340	2,835	3,167	12,969	10,804	276	510	194
Out Migration	2,410	538	2,760	2,211	4,726	13,773	3,118	3,900	11,168	9,204	256	418	201
Net Migration	-174	195	189	-258	9	-2,433	-283	-733	1,801	1,600	20	92	7

Source: Statistics Canada

SUMMARY STATISTICS, ALBERTA, 2003

Midyear Population (July 1): 3,153,723

Population (Jan 1, 2003): 3,132,484

Births (Jan. - Dec.): 38,212

Deaths (Jan. - Dec.): 19,021

Net Interprovincial Migration (Jan. - Dec.): 10,589

Net International Migration (Jan. - Dec.): 9,857

Growth (Jan. - Dec.): 39,637

Population (Jan 1, 2004): 3,172,121

Information provided in this document is preliminary, and thus subject to change in future reports.

Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial			International					Total	
	Out-Migration	In-Migration	Net Interprovincial	Immigration	Emigration	Non-Permanent Residents	Temporarily Abroad	Returning Emigrants	Net International	Total Net Migration
1997										
Jan - Mar	8,802	15,282	6,480	3,262	1,234	591	624	454	2,449	8,929
Apr - June	11,908	20,613	8,705	3,518	1,727	653	726	754	2,472	11,177
July - Sep	14,756	25,161	10,405	3,318	2,658	936	938	1,065	1,723	12,128
Oct - Dec	6,537	13,406	6,869	2,735	1,568	-476	704	521	508	7,377
Total	42,003	74,462	32,459	12,833	7,187	1,704	2,992	2,794	7,152	39,611
1998										
Jan - Mar	9,065	20,591	11,526	2,657	1,128	216	610	509	1,644	13,170
Apr - Jun	12,860	27,149	14,289	2,938	1,466	307	682	923	2,020	16,309
July - Sept	13,828	23,051	9,223	3,039	2,296	876	972	958	1,605	10,828
Oct - Dec	8,408	13,495	5,087	2,564	1,196	-477	682	382	591	5,678
Total	44,161	84,286	40,125	11,198	6,086	922	2,946	2,772	5,860	45,985
1999										
Jan - Mar	10,103	14,693	4,590	2,614	853	460	592	476	2,105	6,695
Apr - Jun	13,402	19,693	6,291	3,026	1,218	1,186	688	854	3,160	9,451
July - Sept	15,993	21,712	5,719	3,639	2,145	799	941	1,070	2,422	8,141
Oct - Dec	8,770	11,862	3,092	2,810	1,234	-962	697	497	414	3,506
Total	48,268	67,960	19,692	12,089	5,450	1,483	2,918	2,897	8,101	27,793
2000										
Jan - Mar	10,313	17,065	6,752	2,864	894	713	606	437	2,514	9,266
Apr - Jun	12,971	20,082	7,111	3,552	1,211	561	690	806	3,018	10,129
July - Sept	15,768	20,600	4,832	4,171	2,638	1,353	967	1,007	2,926	7,758
Oct - Dec	8,330	14,032	5,702	3,762	1,455	-856	698	404	1,157	6,859
Total	47,382	71,779	24,397	14,349	6,198	1,771	2,961	2,654	9,615	34,012
2001										
Jan - Mar	8,471	12,964	4,493	3,831	1,031	1,048	601	405	3,652	8,145
Apr - Jun	11,103	16,533	5,430	4,436	1,311	889	665	782	4,131	9,561
July - Sept	16,805	25,737	8,932	4,578	2,647	1,484	972	1,004	3,447	12,379
Oct - Dec	9,502	15,261	5,759	3,548	1,454	-824	698	404	976	6,735
Total	45,881	70,495	24,614	16,393	6,443	2,597	2,936	2,595	12,206	36,820
2002										
Jan - Mar	10,241	16,033	5,792	3,919	1,017	410	598	405	3,119	8,911
Apr - Jun	12,832	18,584	5,752	4,599	1,301	522	664	782	3,938	9,690
July - Sept	20,635	24,781	4,146	3,086	2,663	1,159	972	1,004	1,614	5,760
Oct - Dec	11,207	13,476	2,269	3,118	1,461	-909	698	404	454	2,723
Total	54,915	72,874	17,959	14,722	6,442	1,182	2,932	2,595	9,125	27,084
2003										
Jan - Mar	13,011	15,631	2,620	3,098	1,019	614	598	405	2,500	5,120
Apr - Jun	14,984	18,030	3,046	4,269	1,309	175	664	782	3,253	6,299
July - Sept	18,948	22,070	3,122	4,545	2,682	355	972	1,004	2,250	5,372
Oct - Dec	11,168	12,969	1,801	3,873	1,467	-258	698	404	1,854	3,655
Total	58,111	68,700	10,589	15,785	6,477	886	2,932	2,595	9,857	20,446

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